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**CURRENT COMMENTS**

From the Editor's Sanctum.

IRELAND AND HOME RULE.

The signing of the solemn covenant by many thousands of Ulstermen the other day to resist the passing of the proposed Home Rule bill in the British House of Commons, is another chapter in this vexed question. Two opposite opinions are given regarding the passing of this bill for Home Rule in Ireland by prominent Irishmen. The Rev. J. McIlraith, B.A., minister of Donegal Road Presbyterian church, Belfast, the other day, speaking in Toronto, said, "The passing of home rule would mean the signal for civil war in Ireland. It would bring not peace, but the sword." While W. Redmond, brother of John Redmond, leader of the Irish party in the British house, speaking the other day in New York, said, "The talk of civil war in Ireland because of Ulster disorders is incorrect both. There can be no civil war there." But supposing that Home Rule does not pass in the British house of commons, and there is a possibility of its being defeated, would Mr. Redmond be so sure that there would not be civil war in Ireland by his party. Poor old Ireland! One of finest beauty spots to be found on God's green earth, and its people one of the most hospitable, brainiest and bravest on the globe, yet kept in constant turmoil and unrest, and from present appearances seems destined to remain so for some time to come. One thing seems pretty certain that if the present bill passes as it now stands, civil war will be the outcome; and yet at the same time if it is defeated, it may end in civil war. Ireland to-day is in a very critical position. Its own people cannot trust each other to do the right and honorable thing. If only the deep-rooted prejudices could be swept away and a confident understanding arrived at between the various factions, a platform for the peaceful solution of Ireland's troubles would soon be found. There is not the slightest doubt that a measure of self government will have to be given Ireland, and one that must be acceptable to the whole country, if anything like permanent peace is to be assured. That the present bill will not bring about that desirable end seems certain.

CANADA'S PART IN THE  
NAVY QUESTION

Much has been written of late to this to all absorbing question—both by liberals and conservatives. If ever there was a question that needed to be lifted above and altogether out of politics, Canada's part in helping Great Britain in its defence measures is one. The naval question is out of British politics, because there is no difference of opinion between the two parties about the necessity of keeping it up to its full strength. When the time comes for Premier Borden to make his announcement on this

question in the House it is sincerely hoped that partyism will be dropped and the policy of Canada's part to be taken in helping the mother country at this extremely important time of her history will be free from party dissensions and petty squabbles, and the question discussed and acted upon from a true desire to give all the help that it is possible for Canada to do. It is her privilege and her right to do so. Premier Borden, when in England recently, told the people of Great Britain in no uncertain sound, that his government is ready to assume its proper share of the burden, and all right thinking Canadians will endorse his sentiments. Gentlemen, let old party feelings take a tumble for once, and enter into this discussion as true Canadians.

OLD JAPANESE SUPERSTITION

In his work on "The Religions of Japan," Dr. Griffith, formerly of the Imperial University of Tokio, throws light on the custom that led Nogi to commit suicide on the day of the Emperor's funeral. It seems that the prehistoric custom of Junshi, or dying with the master, required the interment of living retainers with their dead lord. Down through all the ages to the revolution of 1868, when at Sendai and Aizu scores of men and boys killed themselves and mothers slew their infant sons and cut their own throats, there has been flowing a river of suicides' blood, having its springs in the devotion of retainers to masters, and of soldiers to a lost cause. No Molech or Shivas, he proceeds, won more victims to his shrine than has this idea of Japanese loyalty which is so beautiful in theory, but so hideous in practice. Yet these were the ideals of courage and loyalty held up before Japanese youth for centuries and only with the arrival of the western social order were feudal loyals and local loyalty and the carrying of swords—a long one for the state's enemies, a short one for self-martyrdom—abolished. Since, however, Japan has come under the influence of civilization and christianity these old superstitions has almost died away, and Japan has emerged from centuries of fanaticism. General Nogi, however, seemed not to have given up the old pagan idea, which seemed so firmly rooted in his splendid make-up.

Wheat Rotted

A most regrettable condition was brought to light at Magrath the other day when a car of wheat, owned by a prominent farmer of the Magrath district, was discovered to be rotting. The wheat had evidently been threshed before it was properly cured and hardened, and on being loaded into the car had become heated and in due course rotting set in naturally. This is a very serious matter to the farmers of the country as it means a loss of about twenty cents a bushel to them. The wheat in this condition is absolutely valueless for milling purposes, and can only be used for feed, and as feed it is not particularly desirable. There is slight possibility of this happening again, for the farmers are now allowing their grain to thoroughly ripen and cure in the stocks before they attempt to do any threshing.

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